

## MR. BRYAN IN DELAWARE

Nebraskan Receives Warm Greetings in the Diamond State.

His Reply Concerning the Proposed Joint Debate at the Wilmington Meeting—Willing to Answer the Five Questions if Put in Writing by the Republican Committee—The Last Day's Campaign on the Eastern Shore of Maryland—Appointed by Ernest Thompson at Every Station—The Candidate's Frank Response to a Query About Silver.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 24.—William J. Bryan arrived at Frankford at 10:30 a. m. and delivered speeches there and at Milford, Dover, Clayton, Middletown, and New Castle. The country people turned out in large numbers to greet him. He is due here this evening, and will be the guest of Peter J. Fox, candidate for Governor. He will deliver two speeches here tonight.

In reply to an inquiry from here concerning a joint debate with Mr. Bryan here tonight, the following reply was sent from his train today, and it is understood to have been inspired by him.

"Patrick Neary, Democratic Committee, Wilmington, Del.:

"Mr. Bryan does not desire that the meeting tonight shall be given the appearance in any degree of a joint debate, and he, therefore, does not desire that any Republican shall appear upon the platform for the purpose of asking him questions.

"Please communicate this at once to Mr. J. P. Nields. If, however, the Republican Committee, of Delaware, will certify in writing that they desire Mr. Bryan to answer the five questions suggested by Mr. Nields, Mr. Bryan will take those questions up in his address tonight, and answer them. He will then submit five questions for the Republican State Committee to answer."

SALISBURY, Md., Oct. 24.—After his splendid reception in Baltimore last night, Mr. Bryan today began his final tour of Maryland. His day's itinerary will conclude at Wilmington. To-morrow he will probably speak in Philadelphia and then begin his campaign in New Jersey, where elaborate preparations have been made for demonstrations in his honor.

It was shortly after 6 o'clock this morning when the Presidential candidate began his campaign in the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He had passed an uncomfortable night on the steamer Cambridge before he was landed at Claiborne, where an enthusiastic crowd was assembled to greet him. At Claiborne, Mr. Bryan boarded a special train and upon reaching St. Michaels made his first speech of the day. This was before 7 o'clock.

A crowd was gathered under leaden skies and in a chilling atmosphere. Many of them had come to hear the Democratic leader and when he spoke they warmed up with enthusiasm. His sentiments were vociferously applauded.

At Easton Mr. Bryan spoke for half an hour. The audience was said to be the largest that had ever gathered in that town for any purpose. The Nebraskan's address was frequently interrupted by general exclamations of approval.

Preston was the next stopping place. It is a small village, but the surrounding country contributed a large audience.

Mr. Bryan here made another frank response to a query concerning silver. His ten-minute speech was interrupted by a Republican with the question, "What about 16 to 1?" Mr. Bryan replied promptly as follows and there were wild cheers: "My friends," he said, "when the Republicans try to change the ratio, we will meet and discuss that issue. It was the paramount issue of the last campaign, but since then the Republican party has done so many meaner things that there are now issues of more vital concern to the American people than that of 16 to 1." This is the first time Mr. Bryan has used this language in discussing bimetalism on his eastern tour.

Brief stops were made at Hurluck and Vienna after leaving Preston. Large crowds saluted Mr. Bryan at both places. Salisbury, the metropolis of the Eastern Shore, was the next place reached. The magnitude and enthusiasm of the multitude at Salisbury surprised everybody. Excursion boats loaded to the gunwales were run from the surrounding country for miles around. The lowest estimate places the crowd that had gathered at Salisbury at 10,000. All business was suspended while he was here. He spoke for nearly an hour from a stand in Fireman's Park. Little flurries of rain and mist failed to thin out the audience.

Governor Smith met Mr. Bryan here and escorted him to the park from the depot through dense crowds.

Mr. Bryan is scheduled to enter Delaware at noon.

The first speech in the Diamond State is to be made at Berlin. Other stops on the programme are Frankford, Georgetown, Milford, Harrington, Dover, Clayton, Middletown, Newcastle, and Wilmington. At Harrington the Bryan party will join the Nebraskan's private car, the Rambler.

Mr. Bryan regards his Maryland tour as a great success and the demonstrations of approval have increased his energy to a degree. He has had wonderfully large and appreciative crowds. Everywhere there has been the greatest enthusiasm. It is estimated by a statistician on the Bryan train that "Maryland, My Maryland" has been played 267 times in Mr. Bryan's honor during his trip through the State.

## BRYAN'S NEW YORK TRIP.

Chairman Campbell Confident of Carrying the State.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The Hon. Frank Campbell, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, came to town yesterday from his home in Bath, Mr. Campbell said:

"I went to Bath from Buffalo on Sunday after leaving Mr. Bryan at the end of his trip. Mr. Bryan's trip through the State was a great success. When he went I heard Republicans tell him that they would vote for him, although they had never voted for a Democrat before. From the enthusiasm manifested and from what I learned talking to different people throughout the State, I have no doubt that New York will be carried for the national and State tickets."

Lumber down again—old prices reached at 6th and N. Y. ave. P. Libbey & Co.

## MINERS' OFFICIALS TO MEET.

Coal Strike Likely to Be Called Off This Afternoon.

HAZLETON, Pa., Oct. 24.—A meeting of the executive board of the United Mine Workers has been called for this afternoon. While none of the members would speak for publication, it is alleged that the board will resolve to call the strike off at all collieries except those that have not posted notices advancing wages.

The strike, it is understood, is to be continued at these collieries, the men on strike there to be maintained out of the funds of the mine workers.

No consultation has as yet taken place between President Mitchell and the officials of the Order of Trainmen, and joint action on their part may become unnecessary, if the coal strike is declared off.

Important developments are expected today in the coal situation, in view of President Mitchell's declaration in his Pottsville speech yesterday.

A striking majority of the executive committee of the United Mine Workers is now at strike headquarters here and it is likely to take decisive steps at any time.

Except the Markle and the Cross Creek Companies none had posted notices up to 10 o'clock this morning, and the superintendents of the collieries could not say whether there would be or not.

The presence in town here of the vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Cal. Fitzgerald, at this critical juncture of the strike, may be of the greatest significance. There is considerable dissatisfaction among the trainmen.

## PACIFYING THE BOERS.

General Settles Reports Two Attacks on His Column.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 24.—A despatch from Hoopstad, Orange River Colony, says that General Settles's column is doing a great deal towards pacifying the disturbed district in that neighborhood.

The column halted at night recently and the rear guard was attacked by the Boers, who poured in a heavy rifle fire. The Boers crept up over the sand and were not heard until they poured in several volleys. The British had twenty wounded.

Subsequently, when returning to Hoopstad, the column was sniped at by nine Boers who were concealed behind the bush on the river bank. A well-aimed shrapnel shell was sent into the bush. Eight of the Boers were killed and the ninth, who was wounded, surrendered.

General Hunter's column has burned the village of Bothaville, thirty miles from Commando Drift. The reason assigned for this was that the Boers in that vicinity had been sniping at the British continuously.

## BOER COMMANDANT DEAD.

De Villiers Expires of Wounds at Bloemfontein.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 24.—The Boer Commandant De Villiers has died at Bloemfontein of wounds received in a recent battle.

## KRUGER'S EUROPEAN MISSION.

St. John Gaffney's Views Discredited at The Hague.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 24.—Little credence is attached here to the utterances of St. John Gaffney, of New York, to the effect that President Kruger's mission to Europe is to induce the powers not to recognize British sovereignty in South Africa and that the ex-President of the Transvaal would probably visit the United States.

Mr. Gaffney is absolutely unknown in Holland, even to the Boer partisans. His declarations are so totally opposed to those made by President Kruger and the Dutch Consul at Lourenço Marques that it is believed here that he has either been misquoted or has been misinformed as to the ex-President's intentions.

## DUELING IN FRANCE.

Member of the Deputies Acquitted After Killing a Man.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Dueling in France evidently has as firm a hold on popular sentiment as ever.

A member of the Chamber of Deputies, who the other day killed his man, has been acquitted unanimously despite an eloquent appeal by the prosecution to the jury to put an end to the barbarous practice by a strong sentence.

## MRS. BRYAN TO GO ALONG.

Will Accompany Her Husband on the Campaign.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Those who have ever met Mrs. Bryan, the wife of the Democratic candidate for President, will not be surprised to learn that she is now awaiting him in New Haven, and that she intends to remain at his side until the campaign is over.

She will not only endure all of the trials and hardships of the great fight her husband is making, but she will be with him when he is away from the eyes of the public, a friend and comforter.

For all of the successes Mrs. Bryan has won since he entered public life a modification of her life is being made. She is now, in every trying emergency of his life, Mrs. Bryan has been sustained by the loving woman who now awaits him, ready to take up again the burden of the hard days that are now at hand.

Mrs. Bryan is a slender woman, with much more mental than physical strength. But she is eager to endure with her husband whatever of hardships the future holds in store for him. She will be present when Mr. Bryan addresses the Yale students on Saturday, and she will journey with him to this city and attend on Saturday night the great mass meeting of Democratic clubs.

"I shall remain with my husband," said Mrs. Bryan yesterday, "until the close of the campaign. I shall assist him in every way in my power."

She has journeyed from Nebraska to Boston without an escort. Near Albany she met an old acquaintance who is employed by a Boston newspaper. This woman introduced her to Senators Joyce and Laucumb, of Massachusetts. They are Republican leaders and were greatly interested in the brave woman who is so anxious to see the overthrow of the party which they represent. The two Senators introduced Mrs. Bryan to their wives and she became a member of their party until she arrived at New Haven.

## Exposition's Closing Date.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—The exposition will close on November 11. On one of the last days the public will be admitted free.

## \$100 To Frederick Hagerstown.

Winchester, and Martinsburg.

From B. & O. Railroad station, Sunday, October 28, at 7 a. m., stopping at intermediate points on the Metropolitan Branch, returning, leave Winchester and Hagerstown 7:30 a. m. and Frederick 7:50 p. m. same day. It is a popular trip, with ample accommodations, and you can afford to take your family for an outing.

## No. 2 flooring reduced to \$1.75.

per 100 ft.—one width—one length. P. Libbey & Co.

## SEARCHING FOR ALVORD

Detectives Unable to Locate the New York Bank Defaulter.

Both Pinkertons and Central Office Men Engaged in the Case—Police Throughout the Country Notified to Watch for the Absconder—Has Not Been Seen Since Last Thursday

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Every effort is being made to capture Cornelius L. Alvord, who looted the First National Bank of \$700,000, but as yet no clue has been obtained to his whereabouts. The task of finding him has been placed almost entirely in the hands of the Pinkertons, although the central office is working at it also. The Pinkertons have been hunting for the embezzler ever since he disappeared last Thursday, while Captain McClusky, of the detective bureau, was not notified of it until last evening, when an officer of the muted institution called on him and laid before him the facts. The captain at once set to work on the case.

Today the police in every city on the continent are watching for the man who has committed the biggest bank robbery that has been heard of in years. Detective agencies everywhere are searching for him and a keen eye is being kept on every outgoing steamship and train from the city. The police departments of all foreign ports have been notified to watch all vessels arriving from America.

If Alvord has fled the city, he has at least a start of four days on his pursuers. He was last seen at the bank on Thursday. The day he was in the bank was discovered, and since that night the detectives have been searching for him. He left the office about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It is said in Mount Vernon that he was seen there as late as Saturday. This seems improbable, however, as his crime was then known and detectives were watching him closely.

It has been now pretty well established that Alvord's peculations were discovered last Thursday by one of the bank clerks. W. G. Shaw, an assistant cashier, is quoted as saying that there was no suspicion of Alvord until that day, when one of the clerks pointed out an error when the bank examiner was inspecting the books. The error was discovered by the merest chance. It is said, for, according to report, the examiner had always declared the books all right. The discovery was made shortly before the bank closed. It was believed that Alvord knew nothing of it.

After banking hours an investigation of the clerk's books was instituted with the result that the extent of his stealings was made known. The defaulting clerk had left the bank at his usual hour. He has not been reported by the bank since.

The guilty clerk must have had some intimation of the fact that he had come to the end of his rope, for he went down to the bank building between 8 and 9 o'clock Thursday night and got one of the watchmen to go inside and see if any persons were working in the cage in the basement where he had been employed.

The watchman, however, took word from the vice president, two assistant cashiers, and two or three strangers were at work in that department. The watchman added that the men were going over papers and doing some figuring. Alvord was not there and it is believed that he did not go to his home in Mount Vernon that night.

Alvord sent five tally checks up to the main banking room on the first floor of the building on Thursday afternoon and apparently did not have a chance of making certain alterations in the books to correspond with the cash on hand. The officials sent for him to make some explanations. It was Alvord's usual time to go home and the messenger who was sent for him reported that the clerk had gone.

Up to noon today the bank had made no further explanation of the big embezzlement than that it was in its statement given out yesterday afternoon. It still remains to be cleared up just how Alvord got such a sum as \$700,000 and how he concealed his stealings from the bank.

The officials said this morning that they would explain this in a statement.

There have been rumors of collusion in the case. Such a suspicion is not held by the bank and its officials. It is a case where nearly a million dollars was stolen and the innocent extended over a considerable period of time.

On this point the bank officials were questioned last night and they all declared that to the best of their knowledge Alvord worked alone and that he had no aid in his crime from either any other employee of the bank or any of the depositors.

The investigation in this case has not been more than begun. It is possible that it may yet be found that there was collusion in the embezzlement.

United States Bank Examiner Hanna called last night at the home of United States District Attorney Burnett in reference to the case which is one for the Federal grand jury. Mr. Hanna went home at the time and Mr. Hanna went away. It was expected that he would go to the Federal Building some time today and lay the case before the authorities.

## DEPUTY KANE'S STATEMENT.

A Treasury Official's Explanation of the Alvord Peculations.

Thomas P. Kane, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department, this afternoon issued the following statement on the defalcation of Cornelius L. Alvord, of the First National Bank, New York:

"During the progress of the examination of the First National Bank, Assistant Cashier Backus discovered that the note and exchange teller, Alvord, was short in his cash to an amount which has since been found to be \$690,000.

"His thefts have been going on for a long time. The plan of concealing them and making the cash on hand agree with the amount for which he was accountable, as shown by the books, was to take out of the morning mail, which he had in charge, a sufficient number of cash items to cover the aggregate amount of his defalcation and to exchange them for clearing house received during the preceding day. The examination of the exchanges at the time of examination showed the total amount correct, amount correct, amount correct. The plan of concealing them and making the cash on hand agree with the amount for which he was accountable, as shown by the books, was to take out of the morning mail, which he had in charge, a sufficient number of cash items to cover the aggregate amount of his defalcation and to exchange them for clearing house received during the preceding day. The examination of the exchanges at the time of examination showed the total amount correct, amount correct, amount correct. 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